(e) Staff accountability is invariably looked into by the banks while reviewing slippage of loans into NPA category.

Highest customs duty rates

3271. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY :

MISS MABEL REBELLO :

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that customs duty rates are the highest in our country;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) the details of exports and imports made during the last three years: item-wise, quantity-wise with customs duty implications; and

(d) whether experts have opined that Government should hasten the tax reforms to ensure export competitiveness of the domestic industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The basic customs duty rates in India vary from nil to the peak rate of 25% with a few exceptions for sensitive commodities where the rates are higher. Details of customs duty rates for all other countries are not available.

(c) The details of exports and imports country-wise and item-wise are monitored by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics which are available in its publication called "Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India". The budget-head wise details of customs duty collection, for the last three financial years are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) Yes, Sir. The Government is also committed to, and has been implementing tax reforms.

Statement

Customs Revenue Realisation

(Rs. crores)

Sl. No.	Budget-Head	Actuals 1999-2000	Actuals 2000-2001	Actuals 2001-2002	Actuals 2002-2003 (upto October)
1	2	3	4	5	6
I.	IMPORTS				
1	Fruits, dried & Fresh	300.49	308.10	244.71	109.64
2	Coffee, tea, mate & spices	35.51	21.92	26.96	25.16
3	Animal or vegetable fats & oils their cleavage products, prepared edible fats, animal or veg. waxes	1585.33	2324.11	4216.12	2644.38
4	Beverages Spirits and vinegar	30.96	45.20	9 .94	45.21
5	Mineral substances	312.35	222.94	160.49	111.19
6	Ores, slag & ash	250.18	427.01	489.60	373.28
7	Petroleum oils & oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude	6256.73	7793.65	4818.32	4028.92
8	Petroleum oils & oils obtained from bituminous minerals other than crude	5010.30	2106.66	1324.87	617.50
9	Other mineral fuels, oils, waxes and bituminous substances	1193.18	1348.75	623.62	512.59
10	Inorganic chemicals	641.08	659.47	597.92	385.16
11	Organic chemicals	2604.94	2403.91	2195.66	1475.45
12	Pharmaceutical products	149.68	103.96	124.62	127.49
13	Dyes, Colours, Paints and Varnishes	326.88	424.78	403.82	294.58
14	Essential Oils, resinoids & toilet preparations	117.17	159.11	183.61	103.15
15	Soap, organic surface active and artificial waxes	157.52	185.19	185.29	104.16
16	Photographic & cinematographic goods	265.10	288.05	267.32	134.81
17	Misc. Chemical products	765.38	800.85	825.25	535.81
18	Plastics & articles thereof	1777.96	1450.76	1318.86	867.89
19	Rubber & articles thereof	582.08	673.41	585.07	352.24
20	Pulp, paper, paper-board and articles thereof	323.96	339.80	296.42	189.56
21	Silk	52 01	73.12	43.43	41.24
22	Wool & other animal hair	164.14	94.65	61.05	25.90
23	Man-made filaments	124.48	169.78	167.74	100.64
24	Man-made staple fibres	118.73	132.85	85.69	67.82
25	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials	86.46	93.73	89.06	58.94
26	Ceramic products	78.18	81.83	110.44	75.41
27	Glass & glassware	193.41	253.86	214.63	134.90
28	Primary materials of iron and steel	432.71	503.38	415.38	365.18
29	Iron & non-alloy steel	819.09	514.91	365.63	200.43
30	Stainless steel	122.75	84.04	90.01	52.82
31	Other alloy steel, hollow drill bars and roads	158.40	121.76	95.75	61.10
32	Articles of Iron & steel	711.71	627.75	617.35	360.65
33	Copper	644.22	362.66	294.94	147.87

1	2	3	4	5	6
34	Nickel	115.12	150.54	148.68	114.56
35	Aluminium	203.03	226.78	237.71	151.39
36	Lead	95.27	91.72	101.81	72.14
37	Zinc	158.00	115.40	93.92	55.07
38	Tin	28.79	22.22	21.34	11.32
39	Other base metals	71.49	58.94	67.56	39.61
40	Tools, implements & other misc. articles of base metals	447.20	376.80	315.86	176.92
41	Machinery excluding machine tools & their parts and accessories & ball or roller bearings	5840.20	6327.92	5309.89	3416.07
42	Machine tools; parts and accessories	354.32	316.41	272.60	156.61
43	Ball or roller bearings	201.02	218.04	261.41	138.44
44	Electrical Machinery	3630.36	4196.83	4240.85	2922.21
45	Railway locomotive and materials	66.20	61.48	132.82	17.68
46	Motor vehicle and parts thereof	1483.90	1429.38	965.60	695.37
47	Aircrafts and vessels	474.49	422.81	561.83	162.80
48	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, medical and surgical instruments	995.74	981.64	1064.48	728.24
49	Clocks & watches and parts thereof	59.55	76.91	57.80	47.39
50	Project imports	1504.34	1547.30	933.90	431.93
51	Baggage	409.76	189.19	171.99	87.11
52	All other articles	6984.71	6552.43	5343.77	2943.06
	Total Import Duties (Gross)	**49516.56**	**48564.70**	**41935.39**	**27098.99**
	Refunds	225.86	117.16	178.35	201.39
	Drawbacks	1750.24	1878.28	2350.80	1737.73
	Total Import Duties (Net)	**47540.46**	**46569.26**	**39406.24**	**25159.87**
II	EXPORTS				
1	Coffee	0.06	0.04	0.00	0.00
2	Mica	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Hides, skins & leathers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Black pepper	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	All other articles	1.35	3.41	7.95	2.19
	Total Export Duties (Gross)	**1.41**	**3.45**	**7.95**	**2.19**
	Refunds	0.01	0.01	0.00	14.04
	Total Export Duties (Net)	**1.40**	**3.44**	**7.95**	**-11.85**
III	CESSES ON EXPORTS				
1	Coffee	11.11	10.41	8.46	5.19
2	Coir	0.12	0.14	0.11	0.08
3	Lac	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02
4	Mica	2.15	1.48	1.60	0.91
5	Tobacco (unmanufactured)	5.78	3.99	3.46	2.68
6	Oil cakes & meal	0.06	1.05	0.15	0.02
7	Marine products	21.28	20.12	21.79	10.55
8	Cashew kernel	7.04	5.50	4.16	1.80
9	Black pepper	0.10	0.06	0.02	0.01
10	Cardamom Act 1965	0.10	0.05	0.64	0.00
11	Cardamom (A.P.Cess)	11.62	16.02	10.05	4.57
12	Other agricultural produce	20.56	18.05	15.91	15.63
13	Iron Ore	20.45	3.99	5.01	2.71
14	Animal feed	1.54	1.38	0.75	0;.14
15	Turmeric	0.40	0.24	0.07	0.08
16	Turmeric powder	0.21	0.04	0.08	0.22
17	Other articles	34.33	41.32	55.28	42.07

1	2	3	4	5	6
	Total Export Cess Duties (Gross)	**136.87**	**123.85**	**127.57**	**86.68**
	Refunds	0.55	0.96	0.68	0.76
	Total Export Cess Duties (Net)	**136.32**	**122.89**	**126.89**	**85.92**
IV	Other Receipts (Gross)	659.87	918.50	565.32	425.04
	Refunds	3.81	4.46	9.90	12.08
	Other Receipts (Net)	656.06	914.04	555.42	412.96
V	Sale of confiscated gold & silver	0 00	6.14	0.00	0.00
	Total Customs Revenue (Gross)	**50314.71**	**49616.84**	**42636.23**	**27812.90**
	Total Refunds	**230.23**	**122.59**	**186.93**	**228.27**
	Total Drawbacks	**1750.24**	**1678.28**	**2350.80**	**1737.73**
	Total Customs Revenue (Net)	**48334.24**	**47815.77**	**40098.50**	**25646.90**

Figure in the Brackets show Budget Head Number

Debt recovery tribunal at Madurai

3272. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a debt recovery tribunal at Madurai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (c) There is no proposal at this stage to set up a DRT at Madurai. Currently there are 3 DRTs (Chennai-I, Chennai-II and Coimbatore) having jurisdiction over cases pertaining to Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. The present workload in the above DRTs does not justify creation of another DRT immediately to cover cases in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry.

Repayment of foreign loans

†3273. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of debt on Government;

(b) the amount of loan taken from the foreign countries; the financial institutions of the country and from the public, separately; and

(c) the details regarding countries from which loans have been taken along with the amount of their loan and whether Government have formulated any special scheme to repay the same with?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.